

Press Release

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2013 Historic Preservation Grant Applications Accepted

Maryland Historical Trust Program to Preserve Historic Properties

CROWNSVILLE, MD – The Maryland Historical Trust (MHT), an agency of the Maryland Department of Planning (MDP), is accepting applications for Fiscal Year 2013 capital grants under the MHT Historic Preservation Grant Program. The purpose of this capital projects program is to assist and encourage efforts to acquire and preserve historic properties. In this funding cycle, grants will only be awarded to assist properties on which MHT already holds a preservation easement recorded in the local land records on or before the application postmark deadline of February 15, 2013.

Eligible applicants for program funding include non-profit organizations and local jurisdictions. Business entities and individuals may also apply for program grants when seeking funds for a preservation or development project that serves a high public purpose. Eligible projects include acquisition, rehabilitation or restoration of historic properties, as well as pre-development costs as part of an acquisition, rehabilitation or construction project.

Completed applications must be mailed in hard copy to MHT and must be postmarked on or before February 15, 2013. The grant awards will be announced in late spring or early summer of 2013. Grant awards will range from a minimum of \$5,000 to a maximum of \$25,000.

A dollar-for-dollar match is required of local jurisdictions, individuals and business entities. Nonprofit organizations are not required to provide a match; however, those projects that do include funding from other sources will be more competitive in the grant selection process.

If you are interested in applying, please contact Anne Raines, MHT Capital Grants and Loans Administrator, at (410) 514-7634 or araines@mdp.state.md.us for assistance in determining your project's eligibility. Copies of Grant Guidelines and Application are available at:

http://mht.maryland.gov/grants capital.html

The Maryland Historical Trust (MHT) is a state agency dedicated to preserving and interpreting the legacy of Maryland's past. Through research, conservation and education, the Trust assists the people of Maryland in understanding their historical and cultural heritage. The Trust is a division of the Maryland Department of Planning and serves as Maryland's State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) pursuant to the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966.

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